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Roberta (Bobbe) L. Desmond is acting DPEO since August 2006. She remains the Chief Systems Engineer for the Program Executive Office (PEO) Ground Combat Systems (GCS) simultaneously. As such, Ms. Desmond is responsible for SE, cross PM technical projects, LSS process development, and assistance to the 5 major PMs associated with developing, acquiring, fielding and sustaining the Army Ground Combat Systems AND is the Acting Milestone Decision Authority for these projects. Some of the systems include: the Abrams tank systems, the Bradley Fighting Vehicle systems, the Stryker Brigade Combat Team vehicles, Joint Lightweight Howitzer and Robotic Systems.

Prior to assuming duties in the PEO office, Ms. Desmond served as the Associate Director of Systems Engineering for PM-Future Combat Systems. She was technical manager for Systems Engineering during System Development and Demonstration and lead the System of Systems (SoS) Engineering and Integration IPT. Her responsibilities encompassed the requirements, architectures, analysis, trade studies, configuration management, technical planning, integration and verification efforts. She staffed, and managed the first Army distributed (6 locations) SoS engineering team. Her previous jobs include; Chief, Project Engineering, PM FCS, APM for FCS, Senior Program engineer, M992 FAASV, and Engineering Team leader for M109 program.

Ms. Desmond, a native of Iowa entered civil service in 1983. Ms. Desmond began her civilian service career at Rock Island Arsenal, IL working in engineering support prior to moving to TACOM, Warren, MI in 1994. Ms. Desmond graduated from the University of Iowa in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. During college, Ms. Desmond co-oped with Caterpillar Tractor Co and worked for 2 years in the Davenport plant prior to its closing. She obtained her MBA at Walsh College and participated in the Army's LOGAMP training program. She has twice been the recipient of the Superior Civilian Service Award.